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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM

REF: (A) STATE 019241, (B) STATE 020339, (C) STATE 021494,  
(D) PORT-AU-PRINCE 0157

1. DURING JAN 31 CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS,  
I ASKED HIM HOW GOH HAD REPLIED TO CIRCULAR NOTE FROM VENEZUELAN  
CHIEF OF STATE SEEKING GOH CONCURRENCE IN OAS FOR STRICTURES  
AGAINST ACT (REF D). BRUTUS REPLIED THAT, AS HE HAD OUTLINED TO  
ME, GOVERNMENT REPLY HAD ADVISED AGAINST ANY CONFRONTATIONAL  
TACTICS AND HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WITH TIME AND DISCUSSIONS  
WAY COULD BE FOUND TO MODIFY OBJECTIONABLE PROVISIONS OF ACT.

2. I REVIEWED AT SOME LENGTH SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S  
STATEMENT AND SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN JAN 28 PRESS CONFERENCE,  
POINTING OUT MAJOR POSITIVE ELEMENTS OF ACT (ABOUT WHICH BRUTUS  
SEEMED ILL-IMFORMED), AND HANDED HIM NOTE WITH FULL TEXT OF  
BOTH STATEMENTS.

3. BRUTUS SEEMED NOT DISPLEASED OVER POSTPONEMENT OF BA-MFM  
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WHICH HE SAID COULD HAVE TAKEN AN UNPLEASANT TURN -- BY WHICH

HE EVIDENTLY MEANT INTRODUCTION OF DIVISIVE CUBAN ISSUE, ON WHICH HAITI FEELS STRONGLY. MOREOVER, BRUTUS SEEMED TO THINK IT BEST TO HAVE A PERIOD TO RECONSIDER LA TACTICS RE ACT. AT SAME TIME, BRUTUS AGREED COMPLETELY WITH OUR CHARACTERIZATION OF CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN ARGENTINE STATEMENT AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH US CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES.

4. COMMENT: I WOULD JUDGE GOH WILL SEEK TO FOLLOW A PRAGMATIC LINE ON "NEW DIALOGUE", ALIGNING ITSELF WITH LATIN MAJORITY ON NEED TO CORRECT PERCEIVED INEQUITIES IN ACT, BUT CONSELING RESTRAINT AND THE FLEXIBLE PURSUIT OF NEGOTIATIONS AS MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD TO BRING ABOUT DESIRED MODIFICATIONS IN ACT.  
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